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SYSTEM FOR RECORDING AND PLAYBACK OF)
TELEVISION SIGNALS FROM A PLURALITY OF)
TELEVISION CHANNELS)
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RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief (37 CFR 41.37)
mailed April 3, 2012, Applicant hereby requests that the following section of the Appeal
Brief previously filed on March 21, 2012 be replaced as follows:

SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER
(37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(v))

The invention of claim 1 is illustratively described in the specification of the
Application, for example in various parts of the "MODES FOR CARRYING OUT THE

INVENTION" section; and in FIG. 1. Certain embodiments of the invention of independent claim 1 may be based on a system for recording and playback of television signals from a plurality of television channels. *See, e.g.*, Application, at p. 2, line 19 - p. 6, line 25. Specifically, the system may include storage unit. *See, e.g.*, Application, at p. 18, lines 14-15, and FIG. 1 (references 16 "data memory for recording instructions" and 17 "recording memory"). The system may also include a computer-based controlling central unit, connectible to a telecommunication network. *See, e.g.*, Application, at p. 2, line 27 - p. 3, line 13; p. 7, line 28 - p. 8, line 2; p. 18, line 5 and p. 18, line 9, and FIG. 1 (references 3 "telecommunication network" and 10 "computer-based controlling central unit"). The system may also include a plurality of television receivers, each connected to the controlling central unit and configured to receive television signals on one of the television channels. *See, e.g.*, Application, at p. 7, line 28 - p. 8, line 2; p. 7, lines 7-17; p. 7, line 28 - p. 8, line 2 and p. 18, line 11, and FIG. 1 (references 12, 13, ... , n "television receivers"). The system may also include plurality of coding modules, connected to the television receivers, configured to code the received television signals into a digital format. *See, e.g.*, Application, at p. 7, line 28 - p. 8, line 2; p. 7, lines 18-27 and p. 18, line 22, and FIG. 1 (references 121, 131, ... , n1 "coding module[s]"). The system may also include an instruction unit connected to the controlling central unit, configured to receive and store recording instructions from users via the telecommunication network, the recording instructions including a user identification of a mobile terminal, electronic programming guide (EPG) information identifying a program to be recorded of the television signals, and quality parameters,

and configured to instruct the controlling central unit to select and store the television signals in the digital format on the storage unit corresponding to the program identified by the electronic programming guide information of the recording instructions and based on the quality parameters, and configured to assign the user identification to the selected television signals and to store the user identification together with the television signals on the storage unit. *See, e.g.*, Application, at p. 3, line 14 - p. 4, line 4; p. 5, lines 11-30; p. 8, line 15 - p. 9, line 14; p.12, lines 9-26 and p. 18, line 16, and FIG. 1 (reference 101 "instructions module"). The system may also include a playback module configured to generate access right keys based on digital rights management information, after the user sends the digital rights management information to the playback module that includes access rights for the program that was previously selected by the user and previously stored at the storage unit, and to transmit the television signals stored in the digital format on the storage unit in a format that depends upon the quality parameters and the access right keys via the telecommunication network for playback to a display terminal associated to the user, the display terminal being identified by a network address that is linked to the user identification assigned to the respective stored television signals of the storage unit. *See, e.g.*, Application, at p. 7, line 28 - p. 8, line 2; p. 4, line 27 - p. 5, line 17; p. 8, line 15 - p. 9, line 14; p. 10, line 24 - p. 11, line 6; p. 11, lines 7-16; p.12, lines 9-26 and p. 18, line 10, and FIG. 1 (reference 11 "playback module").

Claims 2, 3 and 7-14 depend, directly or indirectly, upon independent claim 1.

CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

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